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Apna Ghar Executive Director Neha Gill Speaks at Governor JB Pritzker & Dr. Ngozi Ezike's COVID-19 Press Briefing and Media Coverage During the Pandemic

May 2020 (Chicago, IL) – We were honored to be invited to speak at the Governor's COVID-19 press briefing on Saturday, May 2, 2020 and receive media attention throughout the pandemic highlighting the additional barriers faced by survivors of gender-based violence and our work to empower survivors, engage the community and elevate the issue of gender violence to engender widespread systemic and societal change.

Apna Ghar's Executive Director Neha Gill was honored to speak at the Governor's press briefing carried by multiple media channels on Saturday, May 2, 2020 about the barriers faced by immigrant and refugee survivors of gender violence, and the communities we serve during the COVID-19 crisis and our about our organizational response to it. "Many of the adult and child survivors of domestic violence that we serve live in the zip codes that are the hardest hit by this pandemic, often because generations of families live together due to a combination of economic, social and cultural factors. We are coming together with groups across the area to provide an intersectional response to the complexities our communities already face, that are now compounded by this public health crisis," said Neha Gill, Executive Director. Her full speech and video of the press briefing is available on our website at www.apnaghar.org/in-the-news.

Apna Ghar has created an advisory detailing the socio-economic hardships faced by our communities at this time, as well as our response and solutions to address these gaps. This advisory, resources, and more information are available on our website at www.apnaghar.org.

At Apna Ghar, we are dedicated to amplifying the voices of survivors of gender violence, raising awareness about the issue, and providing our perspective to change systems and shift societal norms. Apna Ghar has also been grateful to be featured in some of Chicago's best and most respected media outlets. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Apna Ghar provided insight on the experiences and needs of survivors of gender violence. We were featured in international, national and local print, television and radio including on CNN, Al Jazeera, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun Times, WBEZ, SELF Magazine, Chicago Block Club, and others. Executive Director Neha Gill was featured on a panel discussing alternatives to policing on WTTW's nightly news show Chicago Tonight.

For more information on more articles and media coverage, visit www.apnaghar.org/press. For more information on our recent newsletters and email communications, visit www.apnaghar.org/newsletters. For publications highlighting our work to end gender violence, visit www.apnaghar.org/publications.

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